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SUBJECT The Vah Chemical Works, National Enterprise, at Zilina

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1. The Vah Chemical Works (Povazske chemicke zavody), National Enterprise, at Zilina, was an old chemical plant erected before World War I. The plant belonged to the United Chemical Works until January 1950 when it was renamed Vah Chemical Works and subordinated directly to the Ministry of Chemical Industry. At the same time the chemical factories at Liptovsky svaty Mikulas N 49-05, E 19-37, at Kostolany nad Hornadom R 49, E 357, and at Koseca N 49-01, E 18-167 were subordinated to this plant. For the location of the Vah Chemical Works see Enclosure A. For the location of the various factory buildings there see Enclosure B.

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2. The plant produced sulphuric acid, superphosphates, bluestone, Thermit bearing metal, perlon (only in trial production), centralit (ethylaniline plus phosgene), and carbon monoxide. There was some trial production of yperite in the plant until 1939 when the installation for that production was dismantled and moved by the Germans. The production of yperite was resumed in the plant in 1949 or 1950. Ing. DOSTRASIL (fnu) was in charge of poison gas production at the Novaky Chemical Works

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- [redacted] the quantities of superphosphates and of bluestone corresponded to the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture, while the production of Thermit corresponded to the requirements of the Czechoslovak Railroads, practically the only customer. However, the bluestone and the Thermit production was restricted to a minimum by the lack of nonferrous metals. 25X1
3. The plant was supplied with about 1,600 tn. of pyrites and with about 1,000 tn. of phosphate monthly. The pyrites came mainly from Yugoslavia, [redacted] The major part of phosphates was Soviet Kola phosphates [redacted] 25X1
Pyrites, phosphates, and nonferrous metals were the only materials delivered to this plant from abroad. Nonferrous metals were handled by Metalimex AG; [redacted] 25X1
The greater part of the copper came from pyrite cinders from the Vitkovice Iron Works. The sulphuric acid produced in this plant which was not used by the plant itself was sent in railroad tank cars to the iron works in the Ostrava region.
4. The equipment for producing sulphuric acid, superphosphates, bluestone, and Thermit was old. [redacted] 25X1
The plant had its own laboratories for testing raw materials and finished products. The plant suffered from a constant labor shortage and from temporary shortages of raw materials.
5. Ing. FINGERLAND (fnu) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] was in charge of the sulphuric acid production.
6. No increase in production or enlargement of the plant was planned [redacted] 25X1

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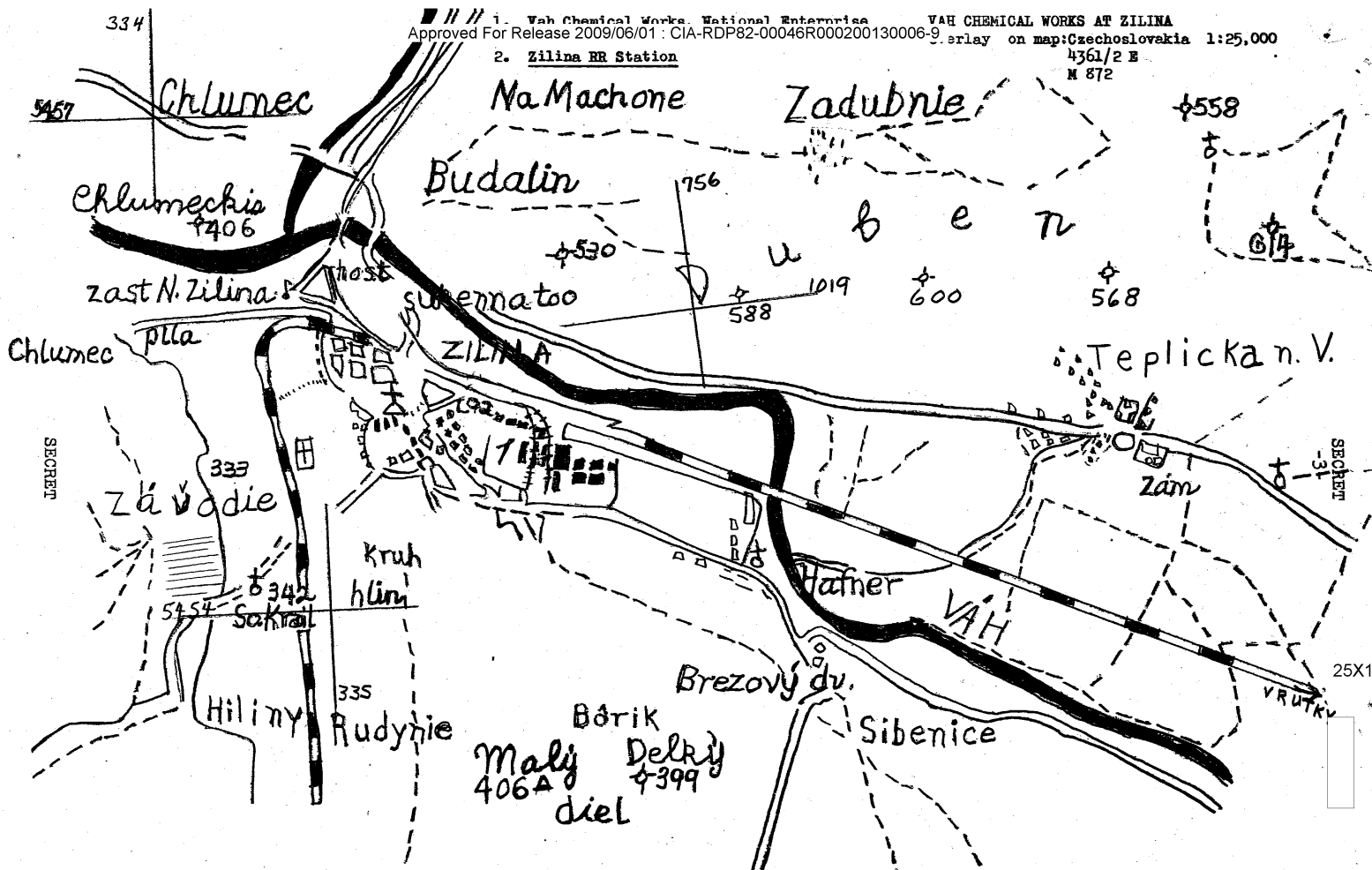
- A. Vah Chemical Works at Zilina; Overlay on map: Czechoslovakia 1:25,000.
- B. Chemical Works at Zilina; Layout of buildings.

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 2. Zilina RR Station
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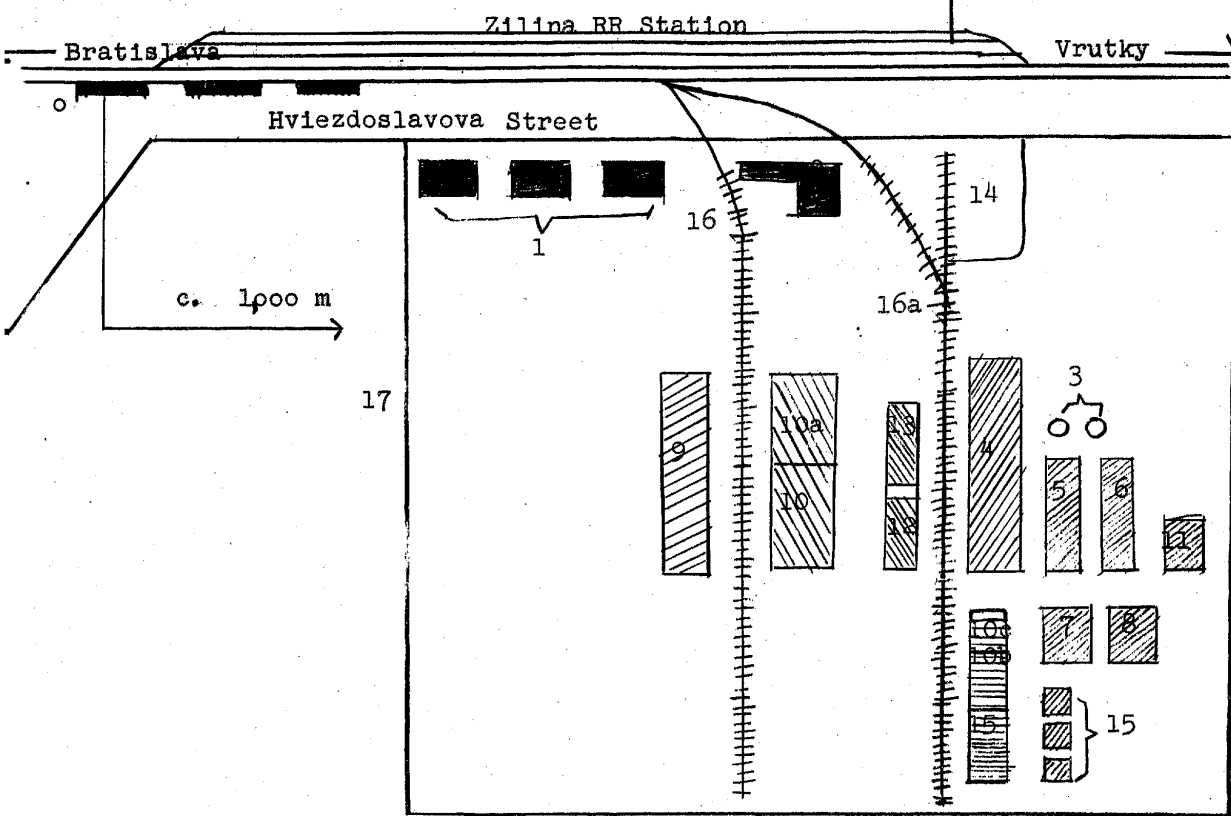
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Enclosure B:

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Chemical Works at Zilina, Layout of buildings.

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Enclosure B (Cont'd).

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0. RR Station
1. Workers' Quarters
2. Office Building
3. Carbon Monoxide Gasometers
4. Sulphuric Acid Production
5. Centralit Production
6. Phosgene Production
7. Yperite Production
8. Storehouse
9. Superphosphate Production
10. a, b, c. Storehouses
11. Carbon Monoxide Production
12. Thermit Bearing Metal Production
13. Bluestone Production
14. Pyrite Storage (outdoors)
15. Power House and Auxiliary Buildings
16. Spur Tracks
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17. Factory Yard Wall: about two meters high.

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